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<p>(54) Title: SELF-CONTAINED MOLDED PRE-FABRICATED BUILDING PANEL AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>The invention provides pre-fabricated panels (10) including a truss structure (600, 666, 700, 722, 850) and a skeletal assembly (10A) comprising an array of steel channels (16) supported between base plates (18, 20), rigid sheeting (32) proximate to the channels, support members (34) adjacent the rigid sheeting, and angles (30, 24) and a forming structure (10B) defining the skeletal assembly (10A). The skeletal assembly (A) and forming structure (10B) oriented horizontal on a planar surface. A self-hardening material introduced into the forming structure (10B). The forming structure (10B) becomes an integral part of the panel. A building truss (600) including double-angle struts (608, 610), a web-reinforcement bar (618) threaded therealong, and rigid sheeting (618). A moulding (549) and means to enable press-seating thereof in a wet concrete wall are disclosed as is a flexible brick facing (536) also pressed into a wet concrete. A water stop (101, 101') is provided for cooperation with the panels.</p>		

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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In order for all inventions to be searched, the appropriate additional search fees must be paid.

Group I, claim(s) 1-40, 46-52, 55, 62-75, 79-81, 84, 86-92, AND 107, drawn to a panel.

Group II, claim(s) 53-54, drawn to a water stop.

Group III, claim(s) 41-42, drawn to a brick layer.

Group IV, claim(s) 43-45, drawn to a moulding element.

Group V, claim(s) 56-61, 76-79, and 106, drawn to a truss structure.

Group VI, claim(s) 93-105, drawn to a form.

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